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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

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with a request for urgent and topical debate
pursuant to Rule 48 of the Rules of Procedure

on the peaceful and non-violent demonstrations
of young Europeans in the capitals of several
Warsaw Pact countries.

The European Parliament,

- whereas on Monday, 19 April 1982 dozens of young, non-violent Europeans were questioned or arrested in the capitals of several countries belonging to the Warsaw Pact (notably in Moscow, Prague, East Berlin, Budapest, Bucharest and Sofia) because they were distributing tracts calling on the heads of state and the secretaries of the Communist Party to support the objectives of the manifesto of the '73 Nobel Prize Winners and European Parliament resolution 1-375/81 and demonstrating in favour of the application and the respect in the world of the individual rights guaranteed under the Human Rights Charter and the Helsinki Agreements,
 - whereas these peaceful demonstrations were broken up even though they were absolutely non-violent and completely in accordance with the spirit and letter of a number of United Nations resolutions,
 - whereas the aims and objectives of the peaceful demonstrations banned by the East European regimes coincide with the positions taken by the European Parliament after the publication by the Nobel Prize Winners of a Manifesto against death by starvation and in favour of development,
 - whereas the young demonstrators had wished to underline, by their symbolic act the refusal by the industrialized countries of the Soviet bloc to participate in cooperation with developing countries and, in particular, their refusal to provide 0.7% of their GNP in development aid and help to save in 1982 at least 5,000,000 human beings who would receive this aid,
1. Protests formally against the arrests which were made and which demonstrate the contempt with which respect for human rights and the problem of death by starvation are regarded in the Soviet bloc;
 2. Asks for the immediate release of the young demonstrators who were arrested in violation of the principles written in to the Helsinki Final Act which guarantees, in particular, the freedom of expression and information;
 3. Asks the Commission and Council formally to remind the Warsaw Pact countries of the need to respect life and peace and, particularly, to put an end to the current holocaust by starvation and malnutrition and at least to reduce it in 1982;
 4. Calls on the Commission to respect the resolutions of the European Parliament and, in particular, immediately to complete the measures which it must carry out for the Council and Parliament in accordance with Resolution 1-375/81;
 5. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Commission and Council and the governments of the states in which the demonstrations took place.